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## COURT CONVENES

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Wednesday, April 6, 1921

The daily press carries the statement that France is willing to scrap the League provided the United States will join in the peace treaty and help enforce its provisions.

There is not the slightest danger of President Harding and his co-workers doing anything of that kind for such a course would entangle us with European affairs and that is just what this country has persistently refused. All America feels that Germany should be made to pay to the utmost limit of her ability, but your Uncle Samuel will not be a party to forcing the conditions.

Some of the ablest minds in the world think Germany is taking a long chance on the utter collapse of the government in an effort to evade payment for the tremendous destruction she wrought by launching the war. The feeling is that it is either France or Germany that will collapse and since France has the largest army in the world and stands in a position to enforce her demands, everyone may be sure France will not be the nation to collapse. If Germany comes to terms and makes full and fair effort to pay, all will be well, but France is desperate and will go the limit, even to launching another war, if need be, to protect herself. Germany is prone and powerless and all she is doing is now is bluff.

President Harding and Secretary Hughes, by reaching the sound decision to give full protection to all American rights accruing to the United States as a result of the common victory of the Allied powers, show themselves not only good patriots but wise and far-seeing internationalists. If Japan asserts special rights in Yap or Great Britain in Mesopotamia, inevitably other nations, as they have opportunity, will post similar "no trespass" signs, and only with difficulty can collisions and quarrels be avoided. Hence President Harding and Secretary Hughes, when they plead for American rights on the ground that the rights of all are equal, are championing a highly important general cause.—New York Tribune.

Almost every stand taken by the President is actually a compliment to the administration of his predecessor.—Nashville Banner.

When it is remembered with what fine scorn and scathing rhetoric George Harvey flayed Mr. Wilson and his administration for eight years, the recent act of President Harding in appointing George Harvey as ambassador to England, will hardly be considered, even by the Banner, as a "compliment to the administration of his predecessor."

President Harding is calling for specific information as to the present troubles of the railroads and also wishes to be advised as to the remedy desired.

Almost any person can tell what the remedy is, but how to apply it is the great problem. Practically everyone knows that reduction of wages and rates are the only real remedies, but how to arrive at it is what has 'em all guessing.

In speaking of the large acreage yields of some European countries, we often forget that the farmers of America produce three and four times as much per man as the best European farmers. It is done by the use

of labor-saving machinery of which our farmers use the most of any farmers in the world.  
 America leads.

## ISLE OF ROMANCE

Monte Cristo Famed in History and Legend.

Rumor That Ex-President Wilson Would Make His Home There Awakened World's Interest.

Newspaper reports to the effect that ex-President Wilson had bought the island of Monte Cristo in the Tuscan archipelago, as the home for his retirement, caused the Rome Epoca to publish an interesting account of this romantic island, six miles square, which the elder Dumas assigned as a title to the hero of his famous novel, "The Count of Monte Cristo." Ex-President Wilson, says the Rome correspondent of the London Morning Post in summarizing the Epoca story, even had he so wished, could not have purchased the island, which is the property of the Italian state, and has been for many years leased by the king of Italy.

In the quiet days before the war, Victor Emmanuel III and Queen Elena used to pass some of their happiest hours at Monte Cristo, far from the cares of state and not near the Italian peninsula—for Monte Cristo is by no means easily accessible. Before the king, that well known sportsman and Alpinist, the Marchese Carlo Ginori, was tenant of the island, which he acquired in 1880, and on which he spent during his tenancy large sums. Before his time Monte Cristo became, in 1875, an agricultural colony, dependent upon the penal settlement of the neighboring island of Pianosa, the exile of Agrippa Postumus, the grandson of Augustus, who, as Tacitus narrates, was there put to death on the accession of Tiberius. Earlier still, between 1800 and 1875, Monte Cristo was the abode of a strange visionary, Davide Lazzaretti, who lived in a cave and fancied that, like St. Francis of Assisi, he had received the stigmata. Shortly after the middle of the last century an Englishman named Taylor leased the island, laid out gardens and constructed ponds, till he, too, disappeared from its history. At that time, before the union of Italy, Monte Cristo was the property of the grand duchy of Tuscany, which, in 1850, had sent four soldiers and a corporal thither from Elba, whose successor was a certain M. Abriel, a Frenchman in business at Leghorn. In Abriel's time the population rose to eleven, and the two buildings were erected which form the nucleus of the present royal shooting box.

For centuries before 1850 the island was forgotten by all save Dumas and his readers, most of whom probably knew not where it was or whether it really existed. But there was a Camaldulian monastery there in the Thirteenth century, of which the ruins still remain, an evidence of the piracy then prevalent in the Mediterranean. Once, in 1241, Monte Cristo's white conical rock appeared in world history, giving its name to the naval battle fought in its waters between the fleet of the Emperor Frederick II and the Genoese ships carrying more than 100 cardinals and other high dignitaries of the church to take part in the council convened by Pope Gregory IX in Rome. The imperial admiral won, and carried off his prisoners to Naples and Sicily.

## MICKIE SAYS

"THAT ONE LINE O' GUFF ABOUT 'HELPING OUT THE PAPER' AIN'T BEIN' PULLED MUCH ANY MORE! FOLKS TAKE THIS PAPER BECUZ THEY LIKE IT 'N BIZNESS MEN ADVERTISE IN IT BECUZ IT PAYS THEM, NOT JEST TO BE GOOD FEELERS!"

CORPORATION CHARTER AMENDED;  
BOARD WILL HOLD FOR TWO YEARS

Election to be Held the Friday Before December 15 and Officials Take Office Jan. 1 Following

House Bill No. 492.  
 Chapter 213.  
 Private Acts: 1921.

An act to amend Chapter 362, Acts of the State of Tennessee, 1901, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Crossville, in the County of Cumberland, and to prescribe its duties and powers, and provide for the election of officers and prescribe their duties."

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That Chapter 362 of the acts of Tennessee for the year 1901, be, and the same are, hereby amended so as to make Section 3 thereof read as follows:

"Be it further enacted, that the Legislative power of the town of Crossville shall be vested in a board of Mayor and Aldermen, which shall be composed of the Mayor and four Aldermen, and shall be elected for a term of two years by the qualified voters of said corporation, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The regular term of office of such Mayor and Aldermen, shall begin on the first day of January following their election and qualification.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the aforesaid Act be, and the same is, hereby amended so as to make Section 4 thereof read as follows:

"Be it further enacted, that all regular elections held under this Act shall be held on the last Friday before the fifteenth day of December biennially, and the same shall be held under the direction of, and in such manner as the board of Mayor and Aldermen may prescribe under the general rules and regulations fixed by law for holding State, County and Municipal elections, and they are given power to appoint officers, Judges and Clerks to hold the same. All vacancies in the board of Mayor and Aldermen shall be filled by the remaining members of said board. Any person who is qualified to hold office in Cumberland County Tennessee, and has been a resident of the Corporation for six months next preceding his election, shall be qualified to hold the office of Mayor or Alderman. In all elections held under this Act, all persons living within the limits of said corporation, for six months next preceding the election, and who would be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly and all persons 21 years of age, owning \$50.00 worth of real estate in said corporate limits, such ownership to be evidenced by a registered conveyance prior to the first day of December next preceding the election, shall constitute the qualified electors in said election, and be entitled to vote in any election held by said municipality. The person receiving the highest number of votes at any election held under this Act for Mayor and Alderman shall be declared elected and the officer holding said election shall issue to the person so elected a certificate showing their election, within two days thereafter."

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the aforesaid Act be, and the same is, hereby amended so as to make Section 16 thereof read as follows:

"Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall have power and authority to levy taxes on all taxable property within the corporate limits, upon polls and privileges, but the rate of property tax shall not exceed two per cent of the assessment; the privilege tax shall not exceed that fixed by the State for similar privileges, and the poll tax shall not exceed two dollars for school purposes, and all persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years residing within the said corporation shall be subject to said poll tax, except those exempted therefrom by resolution of the board of Mayor and Aldermen on account of physical disability and except those exempted therefrom under the laws of the State. That all male residents of the said corporation between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years shall be subject to road or street labor, except those who have been exempted by resolution of the board of Mayor and Aldermen for physical disability, the resolution of the board also showing exemption from payment of poll tax for the same cause, and also those exempted therefrom under the laws of the State. Provided, however, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, shall have power and authority, by resolution, to fix or assess the number of days persons subject to road or street duty under this Act shall work annually; provided, however, that the same shall not exceed five days for any one year; and provided, further, that any person

subject to road or street labor hereunder may commute the same by payment to the Marshal of said corporation, on or before the day fixed for such work, such amount or amounts as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. That board of Mayor and Aldermen shall have power to levy on ad valorem tax upon the average capital invested by persons doing business as merchants, but such tax shall not exceed that levied by the State for similar purposes, and every person, firm, company or corporation applying for license to do business as merchants, shall, before receiving the same, execute a bond to board of Mayor and Aldermen, to be approved by the Recorder, in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditional that such person, firm, company or corporation, will render to the recorder issuing the license at the end of twelve months from the date of the bond, (or if said merchant ceases to do business before the expiration of twelve months, then as soon as he ceases to do business) a true statement under oath, showing the amount of capital invested in business to be assessed for taxation, and, at the expiration of the period covered by the bond, file with the recorder a statement giving the aggregate amount of capital employed during such period, verified by oath, that the statement correctly and fully shows the aggregate amount of capital of every kind and character employed during such period. That in lieu of a city assessment it shall be the duty of the recorder to copy into a well bound book each assessment made for state and county purposes, of all the property within the corporate limits and certify the same to the Marshal, which shall be the city assessment. All taxes shall be due and payable to the Marshal on the first Monday in September of each year, and shall become delinquent on the first day of December of each year and the Marshal shall then return the tax book to the Recorder together with his oath that the same shows correctly all taxes collected by him and all taxes uncollected, and owing to the corporation, and the name of persons, description of property, and amounts in both instances. The said Corporation is authorized and empowered in the collection of delinquent taxes in addition to the means herein specified, all those remedies afforded by law for the collection of delinquent taxes due the State and County."

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the aforesaid Act be, and the same is, hereby amended by inserting between Sections 18 and 19 thereof the following:

"Section 18a. Be it further enacted, That before any ordinance passed by the board of Mayor and Aldermen of said Municipality shall become effective, it shall pass three separate readings at three separate meetings of said board held on different days. All ordinances so passed shall become one time in some newspaper publication. Publication of all penal ordinances shall be published at least one time in some newspaper published in said corporation. All other ordinances shall be published by written or printed poster put on the bulletin board at the Court House in said Corporation for a period of five consecutive days."

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.  
 Passed February 8, 1921.

ANDREW L. TODD,  
 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. W. BOND,  
 Speaker of the Senate.  
 APPROVED: February 11, 1921.  
 A. A. TAYLOR,  
 Governor.

Ovambos Wear False Hair.  
 The Ovambos, a South African tribe, wear long plaits and tresses of false hair.

Glue From Seal's Flippers.  
 Hitherto the flippers of the whales caught in our waters have been regarded as a waste product, but the fisheries bureau finds that they will yield 67 per cent of their weight in very excellent glue. It hopes to find a market for seal flippers with the glue manufacturers. Each year about 35,000 fur seals are killed on the Pribiloff islands, in Bering sea. Reckoning four flippers at eight pounds, the annual production of flippers is 100 to 140 tons.

From its filthy den the rat visits dwellings and storerooms, polluting and destroying human food.

## 'DEAD' MAN SPOKE

And Negro Bearers Hurriedly Abandoned Litter.

Incident Would Have Shaken the Nerve of Men Far Less Superstitious Than the Dusky Soldiers.

I feel sure we are all pretty well agreed as to the genuine bravery displayed by Uncle Sam's brunettes in action! The little incident which I am about to relate will not, I hope, detract very much from the above statement, Louise M. Rills writes in the Stars and Stripes.

It happened on a dismal, rainy night; just such a night, in fact, as you all doubtless remember, when our C. O. usually elected to rearrange the classes of patients who were confined to bed in the various wards. A muggy, sloppy, wettish sort of night, when the bravest sort of chap hesitated to venture out with oilskins and hip boots. So naturally we were not greatly surprised when the order came to transfer a few of the flu cases to the ward opened on the opposite side of the camp. All such cases were kept at the extreme end of the ward, divided from the rest of the patients by sheets which formed a screen between the beds.

One of my patients had answered the "Final Roll Call" a few minutes before the order came for the general night moving to begin, and I had sent for the litter bearers to remove him to the morgue. We were a bit short of help at this particular time of the night, and two negroes among the convalescent patients had been pressed into service. When they arrived on the scene, being rather busy making out cards in the office, I instructed them to first remove the corpse at the far end of the ward.

Just across from this bed was the one occupied by a flu case, a lanky chap from Kansas, whose drawing voice was easily recognizable, and whose whining notes had earned him the sobriquet of "Kain Sass." By some mistake the darkies loaded him on to the litter which was destined for the morgue, and Kansas, being by that time used to being lifted about, made no demur, until the procession arrived at the far end of the ward, on the way outside, when he suddenly drew, "Ain't this a h-l of a night to take a man out!"

I have been told that a negro becomes an ashen color when frightened; I can't say just how these particular chaps looked. I only know I listened to the most unearthly howls or groans that even a negro ever indulged in; that a litter was dropped to the floor with almost surprising suddenness; that two dark clouds flew by me, out into the night, flinging wide the door, overturning the O. D.'s lantern in their wild rush, and that a drawing voice was whining for somebody to pull "them covers over my head again."

## Misdirected Zeal.

"Are the traffic laws in this city strictly enforced?"

"Sometimes they are."

"Well?"

"An old darkey from the country, who was driving a mouse colored mule hitched to a dilapidated wagon, was severely lectured yesterday for violating a traffic ordinance, while something like \$50,000 worth of automobiles bearing grinning occupants swirled around the indignant minion of the law and went on their way."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Cheerful Idiot who laughs at the Wrong Time has made More Enemies by his Untimely Cackling than the Kaiser. He laughs when you drag of your Son, and of the Fish that Got Away, and when you Fall on the Ice he nearly Busts a Rib. The only Time he gets Serious is when you Spring a Funny Story.